

**Subpart J—Vessels Subject to Requirements of STCW**

- 15.1101 General.
- 15.1103 Employment and service within restrictions of a license, document, and STCW endorsement or of a certificate of training.
- 15.1105 Familiarization and basic safety-training.
- 15.1107 Maintenance of merchant mariners' records by owner or operator.
- 15.1109 Watches.
- 15.1111 Work hours and rest periods.
- 15.1113 Vessel Security Officer (VSO).

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**Subpart A—Purpose and Applicability**

**§ 15.101 Purpose of regulations.**

The purpose of the regulations in this part is to set forth uniform minimum requirements for the manning of vessels. In general, they implement, interpret, or apply the specific statutory manning requirements in title 46, U.S.C., parts E & F, implement various international conventions which affect merchant marine personnel, and provide the means for establishing the complement necessary for safe operation of vessels.

**§ 15.102 Paperwork approval.**

(a) This section lists the control numbers assigned by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paper Reduction Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-511) for the reporting and recordkeeping requirements in this part.

(b) The following control numbers have been assigned to the sections indicated:

- (1) OMB 1625-0079—46 CFR 15.1107.

(2) [Reserved]

[CGD 95-62, 62 FR 34538, June 26, 1997, as amended by USCG-2004-18884, 69 FR 58343, Sept. 30, 2004]

**§ 15.103 General.**

(a) The regulations in this part apply to all vessels which are subject to the manning requirements contained in the navigation and shipping laws of the United States, including uninspected vessels (46 U.S.C. 7101-9308).

(b) The navigation and shipping laws state that a vessel may not be operated unless certain manning requirements are met. In addition to establishing a minimum of licensed individuals and members of the crew to be carried on board certain vessels, they establish minimum qualifications concerning licenses, citizenship, and conditions of employment. It is the responsibility of the owner, charterer, managing operator, master, or person in charge or command of the vessel to ensure that appropriate personnel are carried to meet the requirements of the applicable navigation and shipping laws and regulations.

(c) Inspected vessels are issued a certificate of inspection which indicates the minimum complement of licensed individuals and crew (including lifeboatmen) considered necessary for safe operation. The certificate of inspection complements the statutory requirements but does not supersede them.

(d) The regulations in subpart J of this part apply to seagoing vessels subject to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and watchkeeping for Seafarers as amended (STCW).

(e) Neither any person serving on any of the following vessels, nor any owner or operator of any of these vessels, need meet the requirements of subpart J, because the vessels are exempt from application of STCW:

- (1) Uninspected passenger vessels as defined in 46 U.S.C. 2101(42).
- (2) Fishing vessels as defined in 46 U.S.C. 2101(11)(a).
- (3) Fishing vessels used as fish-tender vessels as defined in 46 U.S.C. 2101(11)(c).